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Governor Doyle to present Purple Heart medals to three 32nd MP Company soldiers

Governor Jim Doyle, the commander-in-chief of the Wisconsin National Guard, will present Purple Heart medals Wednesday [May 26] to three Wisconsin Guard soldiers who were wounded in action in Iraq.

The three soldiers are all members of the Milwaukee-based 32nd Military Police Company who were mobilized in March 2003 and deployed to Iraq May 8, 2003.

Sgt. Susan K. Sonnheim, a resident of Franklin, Wis., was injured when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated while she was on patrol in Baghdad Sept. 23, 2003. She was the first female soldier in the history of the Wisconsin National Guard to be awarded a Purple Heart.

Sgt. Troy J. Tuschel, Hales Corners, was wounded by an IED in Baghdad Oct. 15, 2003.

Sgt. Nicole J. Delvaux, Milwaukee, was wounded by shrapnel from a rocket propelled grenade on Dec. 16, 2003.

All three soldiers have been receiving treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Participating in the ceremony with Gov. Doyle will be Maj. Gen. Al Wilkening, the adjutant general of Wisconsin; Brig. Gen. Kerry Denson, deputy adjutant general and commander of the Wisconsin Army National Guard — himself a Purple Heart recipient from a combat tour as helicopter pilot in Vietnam — and Command Sgt. Maj. John Hauschildt, senior enlisted advisor for the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

The three soldiers are expected to be accompanied by members of their families.

The Purple Heart medals will be presented at the Milwaukee National Guard armory at 4108 N. Richards Street. The brief award ceremony will begin at about 12:15 p.m. Gov. Doyle will pin a medal on each soldier as individual citations are read.

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